REMARKS

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 21, 2005, which argues that restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

Group I.	Claims 1-16
Group II.	Claim 17

Species 1.	FIGs 1-5
Species 2.	FIGs 6-8
Species 3.	FIGSs 9-11
Species 4.	FIG 12
Species 5.	FIG. 16
Species 6.	FIGs 17 and 18
Species 7.	FIGs 19-24

Sub-species A.	Figure 13, referenced as element 14
Sub-species B.	Figure 13, referenced as element 15
Sub-species C.	Figure 13, referenced as element 16
Sub-species D.	Figure 14, referenced as element 17
Sub-species E.	Figure 14, referenced as element 18
Sub-species F.	Figure 14, referenced as element 19
Sub-species G.	Figure 14, referenced as element 20
Sub-species H.	Figure 14, referenced as element 21
Sub-species I.	Figure 13, referenced as element 22
Sub-species J.	Figure 15

The Examiner argues that Applicants must "elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable." In this regard, the following election is made without waiver, estoppel and without prejudice to the filing of one or more related applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected Species:

Applicants hereby elect Group I, Species 1 (FIGs. 1-5), Sub-species A (Figure 13, referenced as element 14) and submit that claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 12, and 13 are readable thereon. Applicants submit that the foregoing election conforms this application to the Examiner's requirement to elect a single Species and identify the claims readable thereon.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are allowable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, allowance of all pending claims is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner wish to discuss this application in greater detail or deem that further amendments should be made to improve the form of the claims, then the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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